

would provide the device of, e.g., Claim 144. Applicants thus respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement fails to make out a *prima facie* case supportive of Restriction, and for this reason Applicants request that the Requirement be withdrawn and that all claims in this case be examined.

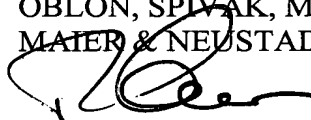
With regard to the remaining Groups, the Restriction Requirement does not sufficiently support the division of these Groups of Claims, as the alternate utilities and the lack of a necessity of subcombination particulars for patentability are not explained in sufficient detail or by example, and as such represent conclusions only. In addition, it is submitted that the Office has failed to designate a Claim as a linking claim such that its allowance will include the allowance of all claims dependant therefrom.

For a Restriction to be proper a burden must be placed on the Office in examining all claims. Here, a full search of all pending claims would entail the search of only a few subclasses, and thus Applicant respectfully submits that a full search of this case would not present the necessary burden.

Finally, Applicants note that some provisionally non-elected claims (i.e., Group III) are method claims, and thus rejoinder is respectfully requested. The Examiner is authorized to make the process claims depend from appropriate device claims if necessary for rejoinder and allowance on first action. See MPEP §821.04.

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